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SUBJ: TANZANIA/KENYA BORDER CLOSURE: EFFECTS ON ZAMBIA

THE MOST IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF THE KENYA/TANZANIA BORDER CLOSING ON ZAMBIA HAS BEEN TO HOLD UP IN KENYA FOURTEEN TRUCKS CARRYING EDIBLE OIL AND DETERGENTS FOR THE ZAMBIA MARKET. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS GRZ MINISTER OF COMMERCE BULL FEB. 9 SAID THAT ZAMBIA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO KENYA HAD RECENTLY VISITED THE BORDER BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE CARGO. THE MINISTER WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE QUICKLY MADE FOR THE TRUCK TO PROCEED TO ZAMBIA.

COMMENT: DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE WHICH HAS LED TO AN ERRATIC ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENSES, THE PIPELINE TO ZAMBIA OF NEEDED GOODS IS NEVER FULL. EVEN A SHORT DELAY IN THE ARRIVAL OF LIMITED QUANTITIES OF COMMODITIES LIKE EDIBLE OIL AND DETERGENTS WILL HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THEIR AVAILABILITY OF THE LOCAL MARKET WHERE THEY ARE CHRONICALLY IN SHORT SUPPLY. IF THE BORDER CLOSURE CONTINUES FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME, THE RESULT COULD BE SEVERE SHORTAGES UNTIL ALTERNATE TRANSPORT ROUTES CAN BE ARRANGED.
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